



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** KHPF-CD Public Files  
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**RE:** Issues and Programs Report – Second Quarter 2016  
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The major significant problems and needs of the Austin community are:

Crime  
Education & Family Values  
Government & Politics  
Health & Safety

Attached are examples of local news reports, public service efforts, local programming, and syndicated programs that have addressed these issues.

### PROGRAMS OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST

NAME OF PROGRAM	DAYS AIRED	TIME AIRED
Austin News	Monday - Friday	7:00 – 9:00 AM
Austin News @ 9	Monday - Sunday	9:00 – 9:30 PM

This program is produced locally and is a mix of news, weather and sports. All stories generally air for between 30 seconds and two minutes. All stories aired during KNVA's 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. newscast.



## **CRIME**

### **4/19/16 Midlothian Murder Investigation**

**Duration 50**

Surveillance video released today could lead to the capture of a killer behind a disturbing murder case in North Texas. 43 year-old yoga and boot camp instructor Terri "Missy" Bevers was found dead at a Midlothian church around 4 AM Monday morning. Police say the mother of three was preparing for her "Camp Gladiator" class moving indoors due to the rain. Class members found her body and a lot of broken glass when they showed up an hour later. Chad Tucker the victim's brother in law said, "There's no easy way to deal with what's happened. It's hard. She was an amazing woman. She worked very hard not only for her own fitness, but to help other people get the lifestyle they needed, wanted." Surveillance images show a man dressed in Police SWAT gear enter the church around the time of the killing. At this point in time police say all potential motives remain under investigation

### **4/21/16 Cedar Park Assault**

**Duration 45**

A suspect on the loose tonight after Cedar Park Police say he broke into a home and tried to sexually assault a woman. Police tell us she was the only person in the house when the break-in happened around 3:30 this morning. She yelled, he ran off, and then she called her ex-husband and police for help. The ex-husband told officer he saw a suspicious man in the alley on his way. He said he was six feet tall wearing a red, long-sleeved shirt and jeans. The woman described her attacker as having a "scruffy beard" and strong smelling cologne. "It does put you a little bit on edge, but it's nice to know the police are actively working on it and to know there's going to be some increased police presence." Investigators are looking into whether this case could be tied to other recent assaults across the Austin area.

### **4/23/16 Ohio Mass Killings**

**Duration 35**

The manhunt goes on in Ohio for the killer or killers who shot eight people to death execution style. It happened about 80 miles east of Cincinnati. Seven adults and one teen, all from the same family, were killed at four separate locations. Three children, ranging in age from several days to three years old, were spared. "It's heartbreaking. The one mom was killed in her bed with the 4 day old right there." Police do not believe there is a danger to the larger community but they are providing protection to members of the extended Rhoden family.

### **5/24/16 Man Steals Ambulance**

**Duration 25**

A Fort Hood soldier is in a lot of trouble after police say he tried stealing a patrol car and ended up taking an ambulance on a wild ride instead. Police in Harker Heights, about an hour northwest of Austin, say the man tried stealing the police cruiser this morning. Officers handcuffed him and put him in the back of the patrol car, but he managed to escape and steal an ambulance. He later crashed the ambulance into a light pole while leading police on a chase.



#### 5/27/16 Affluenza Mom Indicted

Duration 25

Tonya Couch the mother who helped her son with “affluenza” escape the US has been indicted on criminal charges. Authorities say she went to Mexico with her son Ethan while he was on probation. He avoided jail time after killing four people in a drunken driving crash when he was 16. Tonya Couch now faces charges of hinder apprehension and money laundering for allegedly using \$30,000 to finance the trip to Mexico.

#### 5/31/Kyle Stock Tank Body

Duration 25

Investigators confirm a body found in a stock tank belongs to a man reported missing earlier this month. Investigators in Hays County used dental records to identify “Omar Hernandez-Castro.” He was found in a stock tank last Thursday after being reported missing May 16th. Investigators aren't saying how he died. If you have any information, call the Hays County Sheriff's Office. You could get up to \$1,000 for information leading to an arrest.

#### 6/22/16 Hot Car Dallas

Duration 35

A North Texas father is charged after police say he left his infant daughter in a hot car and then tried using a refrigerator to revive her. Michael Thedford is charged with manslaughter. Collin County Deputies responded to a home yesterday afternoon and found an unresponsive 6-month old. According to the arrest affidavit, Thedford got home earlier in the day, fell asleep and forgot he had left the child inside his van. When he discovered the girl three hours later, investigators say he tried performing CPR on her and put her in a fridge, she was later pronounced dead. The case remains under investigation.

#### 6/25/16 Dance Party Shooting

Duration 40

Police in Fort Worth say two people died in a shooting outside a dance studio. It happened just after midnight in the parking lot of Studio 74. When officers arrived, they found one young man dead in the parking lot and several others wounded. One of the wounded died at the hospital. Police are still looking for the shooters who were gone when officers got there. A crew with our Dallas NBC affiliate, KXAS, counted more than a dozen shell casings on the ground outside the club. Some appeared to be shotgun shells. Studio 74, a nonprofit that helps K-12th graders, rents out the facility for private events. The owner says she did not know about the party.

#### 6/28/16 FBI Emerald Forest

Duration 35

The FBI pulled off a major drug trafficking bust across the Austin area today. This is the scene of one of the homes targeted on Emerald Forest Drive, south of West Stassney Lane. Agents have been in and out since 5 a.m. Federal officials say they arrested 18 people here, and two in Houston connected to this case. They're charged with a variety of drug charges- including mentions of cocaine, methamphetamine and marijuana. If



convicted, the suspects could face between ten years and life prison sentences. Tonight at 10, where authorities believe these drugs are coming from and how far the operation spreads across Austin.

## **EDUCATION & FAMILY VALUES**

4/18/16 SMCISD Transfers Begin

Duration 25

San Marcos CISD is beginning to accept transfer requests today. However, the district says they will have to limit how many students can switch schools because of crowded classrooms. We first told you how the district was trying to figure out how to process transfers in February. The policy will also impact the employees who live outside district boundaries. Parents can also request a second school for their child if the first is full.

4/20/16 L DV Abduction Attempt

Duration 15

Tonight parents in Del Valle are watching their children a little closer after a new report of a stranger approaching a student. Police say an 11 year old girl was targeted. She ran to a neighbor's house and called police. And this is not the only incident in the Del Valle school district.

4/21/16 ACC Leander

Duration 40

As more people move to the Austin area Austin Community College is struggling to keep up with demand. ACC leaders broke ground this morning on a new campus in Leander. The San Gabriel Campus will be ACC's 12th. They are hoping it can provide some relief. The new campus will also offer another ACCelerator. Right now The Highland campus operates the only other ACCelerator. KXAN first told you about the opening two years ago. The special lab offers a combination of computing- and tutoring to help students in addition to regular classes. There is even wet lab space- for some science courses. It has drawn national attention from Doctor Jill Biden who visited there last year. ACC wants the San Gabriel Campus to open by the summer of 2018.

5/22/16 Texas vs Zika

Duration 1:15

The best way to defend against Zika is to get rid of Mosquitos. State workers aren't the ones out in the field spraying. That's up to local health departments and in Central Texas, they're usually opposed to it because of chemicals in the spray. "This epidemic from hell and it's coming in June and July and its May 17th. We ought to be gassing up the trucks rather than talking about buying some trucks." At a Senate committee on the issue; lawmakers learned the state is more vulnerable than they originally thought. Dr. Catherine Eppes represented the Texas Medical Association and expressed concern that there isn't an OBGYN on the infectious disease task force for a disease that disproportionately impacts pregnant women. "Diseases that are sexually transmitted obviously make women who are pregnant particularly at risk." There still remain a lot of questions around the disease; who should we test for the disease and how? Does an



infected pregnant woman always transfer the disease to the child? There is a lot of work ahead. “More knowledge about the disease and funding to be able to prevent mosquitos from making it active and endemic in Texas, which we predict will happen.”

#### 5/27/16 Daycare Sexual Assault

Duration 20

Tonight, disturbing allegations against a daycare employee who is now charged with sexual assault of a child. 31-year-old Seth Batterton worked at Fredricksburg United Methodist Church. He has since been fired and banned from the church and school. KXAN's Leslie Rangel spoke with the church pastor who says he still can't believe it.

#### 5/31/Hawaiian Falls Lawsuit

Duration 25

New tonight, a wrongful death lawsuit has been filed against Hawaiian falls. Family members of a man who drowned there in August of 2014 filed the suit. They say the waterpark had unsafe conditions and not enough lifeguards at the time he drowned. The lawsuit also mentions a small child who nearly drowned hours later at the same wading pool. The family who filed today's suit is seeking damages through a jury trial. We've reached out to Hawaiian Falls officials, and are awaiting comment.

#### 6/21/16 Kids Count Report

Duration 20

A national assessment shows Texas slipping as a place to raise a child. The Kids Count Report has Texas down a couple of spots to 43rd nationally. Helping drag down the state; about 748,000 lack health insurance. That's about eleven percent, tied with Alaska for worst in the country. Meanwhile, more than 1.7 million kids statewide, about one in four, live in poverty.

#### 6/24/16 Playground Safety

Duration 40

Before you take the kids out to the playground, safety experts have a warning you need to hear. Each year, thousands of children and young teens are treated in emergency rooms for playground related injuries. Experts say monkey bars and other climbing equipment cause more injuries to kids than anything else on the playground. The playground surface can play a big role in keeping your children safe if they fall down. Surfaces such as wood chips, sand, or mulch are safest. Experts say there are other things you need to look for. “Take a scope of that playground before you let your children play. Look for any broken or damaged equipment because those rough edges or rusty slide stairs could cause a serious injury to your children.” Another tip, walk your little one through the swing sets so you can show them how to keep a safe distance from swings.

#### 6/26/16 WWII Memorial

Duration 1:00

A monument honoring a World War II crew that beat the odds made its way to Austin today. The eight foot stainless steel sculpture is a model of a B-24 bomber known as "Hot Stuff." The real plane completed 31 missions in Europe, which was impressive because bombers only had a one in five chance of not being shot down in 25 missions. But in 1943, "Hot Stuff" crashed in Iceland on its way back to the US; 14 people died. But a few



crew members were not onboard, including Austinite Robert Jake Jacobson. He had been kicked off when high ranking officials needed seats. Jacobson later told his friend James Lux about the plane. “I decided after that that I would do everything I could to get long overdue recognition for his crew and him and also those who were killed onboard hot stuff.” The sculpture on display today will be installed as a permanent monument in Iceland on May 3rd, 2018, the 75th anniversary of the crash. But they still need donations to make it happen. If you'd like to help, we've posted a link with this story at KXAN.com.

## **GOVERNMENT & POLITICS**

### 4/18/16 Nat Case Immigration Scotus

Duration 55

It is a constitutional showdown impacting millions of undocumented immigrants. Texas and two dozen other states are pushing the Supreme Court to decide the future of those people. They're challenging President Obama's executive orders to stop deportations for about four million undocumented immigrants. This includes children brought here illegally and immigrant parents of children born here in the states. “I’m tired of going to school and living in fear that my brother and my sister are going to come home to find that my mom is not there.” Protesters outside the Supreme Court were largely pro-immigrant. The eight justices themselves showed signs of sharp division. Thomas Saenz, Pro-Immigration lawyer argued for three undocumented mothers, “The justices this morning seemed concerned in vigorous questioning about whether that state of Texas had standing, or the right to even be in court.” Scott Keller, Texas Solicitor General, “Because it transforms unlawful conduct into lawful conduct. And I think if the executive, the president has the power to do that, I think that should trouble every American.” A 4-4 tie would effectively be a loss for President Obama.

### 4/21/16 Prop Explainer

Duration 30

Before you head to the polls make sure you know your position. If you are FOR Proposition one you agree with ridesharing services like Uber and Lyft. If you're AGAINST Proposition one you agree with the city of Austin. Uber and Lyft want to do their own background checks and operate like they have been for the past year. But the city is against “proposition one” because it wants drivers to do fingerprint background checks and follow a list of new requirements passed by the Transportation Department.

### 5/24/16 Runoff Election

Duration 40

Voters across Texas today wrapped up several unresolved races from the Super Tuesday primary. Austin eye doctor Dawn Buckingham beat State Representative Susan King in the runoff for the GOP nomination in State Senate District 24. The district stretches from Abilene, through the Hill Country, and into southwest Austin. Democrats in northeast Travis County chose Jeff Travillion as their County Commissioner nominee. Travillion defeated Arthur Sampson. Republicans in Bastrop County picked Maurice Cook over



Matthew Henderson as their candidate for Sheriff. Cook won by just 16 votes. He will face Democrat Mike Renck in November.

5/27/16 Natsev Obama Hiroshima

Duration 25

"The world was changed forever," President Obama reflecting in Hiroshima, Japan today. He became the first sitting US President to visit the site of the first Atomic Bomb dropped during World War II August 6<sup>th</sup>, 1945. An eternal flame burns until nuclear weapons are eliminated. Nearly 300,000 people were killed. While the President did honor those killed, he did not give an apology, as some in Japan demanded.

5/31/16 Ride Austin

Duration 35

The city's first non-profit ridesharing service starts in two weeks. It's called Ride Austin. We spoke with the co-founder this morning on KXAN News Today. He told us about Ride Austin's unique option to "round up" your fare and the money will go to the community. Ride Austin co-founder Andy Tryba: "We really thought it would be great to take a percentage and donate it to the local charities." The company also uses donations to pay for the required fingerprint background checks instead of drivers having to do it. You can learn how to sign up on KXAN.com.

6/22/16 Senate Gun Votes

Duration 30

This comes after the Senate shot down four gun control bills two proposed by Republicans and two by Democrats. We checked and Texas Senators voted along party lines for the Republican proposals and against those pitched by Democrats. Cornyn filed the failed amendment that would have allowed the attorney general to delay a gun purchase for up to 72 hours by a suspected terrorist or a person investigated by terrorism in the last five years. The gun control votes marked the first time all 100 senators voted this year.

6/26/16 District 6 Town Hall

Duration 25

In northwest Austin, council member Don Zimmerman says he wants to help reign in city spending and not raise taxes. Zimmerman also talked about the 720million dollar transportation bond city council voted to put on the November ballot. Zimmerman voted for it. But if it did not include projects in his districts, he said he would not have. Three council members voted against it saying the bond needs to fund more projects in south and east Austin.

6/29/16 Rodney Reed Appeal

Duration 35

A quick update to an ongoing death row case: Texas' top criminal appeals court wants a lower court to further review the "legality" of DNA testing in the Rodney Reed case. Reed faces the death penalty for the murder of Stacy Stites 20 years ago in Bastrop County. Today's ruling comes as Reed's attorney wants more items tested for DNA



evidence. A judge originally denied the testing request in 2014. Reed has insisted he and Stites had a “consensual relationship.” Check out more to this story online including digital investigative reporter David Barer's in-depth look at other theories in the case. It's all at KXAN.com.

## **HEALTH & SAFETY**

### **4/21/16 Mosquito Ponds**

**Duration 45**

If you want to prevent mosquitoes you might want to look beyond your own backyard. Standing water is a breeding ground for the insects. That's why a viewer contacted us about a retention pond near her home. She said this city pond near Westgate and Slaughter Lane in South Austin wasn't draining properly. “I just wish they'd come and fix the sprinkler system so it would drain right. That's the main thing is, can you fix it?” Now the City of Austin says it has fixed the issue. But we also found the city has issued about 120 violations at commercial ponds so far this year. Tonight at 10 KXAN Investigator Kevin Schwaller looks at why a city is now asking for more help inspecting ponds.

### **4/23/16 Mopac Construction**

**Duration 20**

Just one more day of closures in North Austin along Mopac. Construction crews have spent their weekend paving part of the Mopac Improvement Project. Right now the southbound exit ramp to Duval Road is closed. Traffic is using the future Express Lane while crews work. Traffic goes back to the main lanes tomorrow morning at 5 o'clock.

### **4/27/16 Norovirus Numbers**

**Duration 25**

Doctors at Baylor Scott and White- say they're seeing a spike in case of norovirus. The virus is the leading cause of gastroenteritis in pre-school children. Just this month they've had two children test positive for norovirus. Norovirus causes inflammation of the lining of the stomach and intestines causing nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Many children will also run a fever and complain about a stomach ache and the symptoms usually last 1-3 days.

### **5/22/16 Cervical Cancer Technology**

**Duration 50**

Another new tool from the miracle of modern medicine is now in Austin. Robotic surgery at Texas Oncology. With finger grips and foot pedals the surgeons can now perform far less invasive procedures. It enables a far better pre and post-operative period and it enables surgery that otherwise might not have been possible. Dr. Thomas Payne Neal, Medical Dir. With the Texas Institute for Robotic Surgery, “You have less pain, less bleeding, less complications, return to work quicker. Which is a major advantage. The advantage of robotics over traditional laparoscopy is robotics allows you to do that type of procedure more often.” Tonight at nine and ten you'll meet a Round Rock teacher who had cervical cancer but thanks to a robotic laparoscopy the cancer is gone, she did not have to undergo a radical hysterectomy and thus she can still bear children.



#### 5/24/16 Public Toilet Program

Duration 40

The city is laying out a new plan to provide 24-hour free public toilets in Downtown Austin. Today officials said they wanted to start a pilot program in these three locations: 4th and Trinity, near 7th and Neches and I-35 and 7th street. They also want to open up the outdoor restroom at city hall. Earlier this year, we told you the goal is to help families with young children, seniors, runners, late-night crowds and the homeless. They also hope it will lower bacteria levels in Downtown creeks and streams. City officials also say in the long term they want to add public toilets like the "Portland Loo." They cost about \$100,000 dollars per toilet. But they are private, ADA compliant and graffiti-proof.

#### 5/24/16 APD Fentanyl

Duration 1:05

You don't hear about fentanyl very much because it is so rare and hard to get. But Austin police say it has arrived from China and already claimed two lives. Kristin Deshazo with the Palmer Drug Abuse program says it's deadly because it is potent." It is probably the equivalent to taking several strong Vicodin; you feel like you are floating with fentanyl, we are seeing it kill people within 15 minutes or sooner." Mark Kinzly with the Texas Overdose Naloxone Initiative told us while most drugs are measured in grams, Fentanyl is measured even smaller because it doesn't take much. "This is measured in a microgram that's how powerful this drug is." Court documents show the two men who overdosed and died in Austin even texted the suspected dealer for instructions on how to use the drug, how much to take and then what to do when the effects kicked in. Mark Kinzly, Texas Overdose Naloxone Initiative said, "People don't know what they are buying and even the sellers don't know what they are selling. "But it's a drug that becoming more familiar only after the overdoses.

#### 5/31/16 Chikungunya Local Acquired

Duration 40

With the summer approaching and mosquitoes multiplying we're learning about the first case of Chikungunya contracted in Texas. State Health Services reports the South Texas man actually became sick in November. The case was not diagnosed in the lab until January and wasn't reported until last month. This is a big deal because the person had not traveled. Until now the only US cases of the disease transmitted locally only happened in Florida. Symptoms of the disease include fever, joint pain and aching, some swelling in the joints, and potentially a rash. It is rarely deadly except in the very young, the very old, and those with weakened immune systems.

#### 6/21/16 New Drone Rules

Duration 20

The FAA is clearing small "commercial drones" for takeoff. The decision comes after years of struggling to come up with rules to protect the public and introduce new technology. Under new rules, operators can fly drones weighing less than 55 pounds.



Drone operations are also limited to daylight hours and require operators to get certified every two years.

#### 6/23/16 Flesh Eating Bacteria

Duration 50

A family trip to the beach has left a Buda man fighting a flesh eating bacteria. Just as a warning, some of the video we are about to show you is very graphic. The man was visiting Port Aransas this past weekend to celebrate father's day. Late Saturday night, the man's family said he had a headache and a rash was forming on his right leg. The family took the man to the doctor who diagnosed him as having Vibrio which is a flesh eating bacteria. Now the wife of the man is speaking out hoping to raise awareness. "We all do family vacations, I mean, we are beach babies we grew up going to the beach. Just be cautious of this enter at your own risk, but I think these cities need to post stuff on the beaches," Coming up tonight at six KXAN's Lauren Lanmon has more on what doctors are doing to save the man's leg.

#### 6/28/16 IKEA Recall

Duration 30

Now, a consumer alert: IKEA is recalling tens of millions of pieces of children's' bedroom chests and dressers. They say it can tip over, injuring or killing small children. The Consumer Product Safety Commission says every 2 weeks a child dies under falling furniture or tvs. Now, IKEA says it has stopped selling a model that is especially prone to accidents. Parents are urged to stop using them if they're not anchored to a wall.